* Not reported by States.

(b) and (c) The loan portion of Self Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) of earlier Nehru Rozgar Yojana is provided by Commercial Banks. Some States have reported that due to apprehension of poor recovery position the banks are not always coming forward for providing loans to the intended beneficiaries. From time to time Government has taken up the matter with the Reserve Bank of India for advising the Commercial Banks to cooperate with the implementing agencies for sanctioning projects.

Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Regulation Act

928. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved repeal of the Urban Land Ceiling Regulation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move will ensure a house for each family and benefit the common man in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to repeal Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976. The Act will stand repealed after completion of the prescribed legislative process and other related formalities. The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Repeal Bill, 1988 was, therefore, introduced in the Lok Sabha on 11.6.98. The Bill have now, been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development, for examination and report. The Committee has invited views from experts/interested parties/organisations and individuals in order to examine the Bill.

(c) and (d) The proposed repeal of the Act, alongwith some other incentives and simplification of administrative procedures is expected to revive the stagnant housing industry and provide affordable living accommodation. There will be speedy growth in the housing sector and investment will be attracted for housing and other infrastructure sectors.

कर्मचारियों के लिए सरकारी आवास

929. **श्री मुनव्वर हसन:** क्या **शहरी कार्य और रोजगार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न श्रेणियों में कार्यरत केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारी सरकारी आवास प्राप्त करने में विफल रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार विभिन्न श्रेणियों के कर्मचारियों को शीघ्रता से आवास उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री राम जेठमलानी): (क) जी हां।

(ख) चालू आबंटन वर्ष के लिए मांगे गए सीमित आवेदन पत्रों की संख्या के आधार पर दिल्ली में केन्द्र सरकार के 31,774 कर्मचारी सामान्य पूल आवास की विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लिए आबंटन की प्रतीक्षा में हैं।

(ग) शीघ्रता से सामान्य पूल आवास मुहैया कराने के लिए सरकार संसाधनों के दबाव के बावजूद आवास स्टाक में विस्तार हेतु आवश्यक उपाय कर रही है। नौवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान, दिल्ली में 1178 आवासीय ईकाइयां निर्मित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Prime Land Gifted by DDA

930. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that DDA has gifted 5.5 acres of prime land, worth about Rs. 4 crores, near Qutab Minar to a trust headed by the wife of an Ex-Minister, (vide, Indian Express 5th July, 1997);

(b) whether this trust has been allowed

to commercialise part of this land, which could earn them crores; and

(c) whether Government would consider cancelling this dubious and extra-ordinary deal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) DDA has reported that the Kalakar Trust has been allowed to raise a structure for an Open Air Theatre at their own cost on a piece of land near Qutab Minar for promoting the activities of street artists. However, the title of the said land Tremains with the DDA.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since the allotment has not been made in favour of the Trust there is no question of cancellation of the allotment.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of Ministry of Industry.

II. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the automotive Research Association of India, Pune and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad and related papers.

IV. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Institute for Design or Electrical Measuring Instruments. Mumbai and related papers.

V. Reports (1997-98) of the Controller General of patents, Design and Trade Marks.

VI. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Central Pulp and paper Research Institute, Saharanpur and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAHT): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I (a) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) Notification No. G.S.R. 487 (E), dated the 10th August, 1998, publishing the Gas Cylinder (Amendment) Rules, 1998, under section (8) of section 18 of the Explosives Act, 1984.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT—1601/98]

(b) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry Notification S.O. 874(E), dated the 25th September, 1998 notifying the M/s. Kasat Paper and Pulp Limited, Village Bebedohal, Taluk Maval, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra as a mill producing newsprint, under the Newsprint Control Order, 1962, under sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT—1600/98]

II. A copy each (In English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Twenty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Automotive Research Association of India, Pune, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT—1597/98]

III (a) Thirty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT—1603/98]

IV (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Design of Electrical Measuring Instruments, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government ac-